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Dear Special Guests:

Welcome to Indianapolis and the 8th Annual Attorney General's Prescription Drug Abuse & Heroin Symposium. The Attorney General's Symposium is the largest statewide collaboration of professionals from the public and private sectors with the objective of learning from and educating one another as we discuss policies, practices and reforms necessary to address the myriad of issues related to prescription drug abuse. The Office of the Attorney General is pleased to host this important event for an eighth year with our community, academic, treatment provider and law enforcement partners.

One of my priorities as Indiana's Attorney General is to take meaningful and measurable steps toward mitigating the drug abuse crisis engulfing our state. Even as we realistically anticipate substance abuse getting worse in Indiana before it gets better, we also take heart in knowing we have the ability and the tools needed to reverse discouraging trends and put our state on a positive path to a brighter future.

As policymakers and professionals, we must seek to effectively balance the strategic efforts of law enforcement and prevention, treatment and education. The resources and tools available to law enforcement have too often taken a back seat to other priorities. When this has happened, progress in the state's efforts against substance abuse have stalled. The goal of this symposium is to discuss ways to best use our resources to address this statewide tragedy.

We all feel deep compassion toward people gripped in the clutches of addiction — a burden that has become, literally, a life-or-death struggle for many of our friends, neighbors and loved ones. At the same time, we must also recognize the dangers of eroding personal accountability. We must seek to find a path that educates our communities about the insidious nature of drug addiction. We must offer assistance to those in need who genuinely desire change while thinking twice before reducing penalties for breaking the law or removing consequences associated with destructive behavior.

I am deeply grateful to the Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force and all stakeholders for their continued diligent work on these deeply important issues. Solutions to Indiana's drug problems will arise from the efforts of all Hoosiers working together toward a comprehensive approach. This symposium is an unmatched opportunity for all of us to work together to share new ideas, proven methods and best practices -- and to explore collaborative efforts in addressing prescription drug abuse in our communities.

Very truly yours,

Curtis T. Hill, Jr. Attorney General

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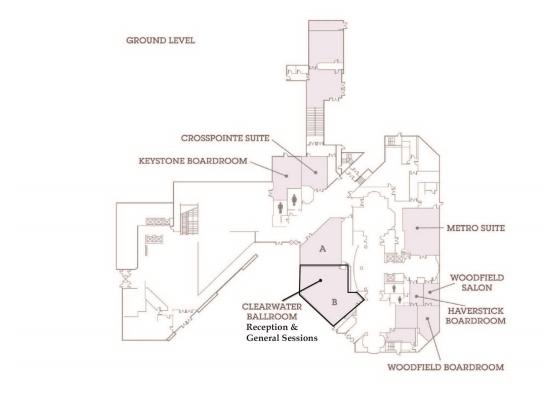
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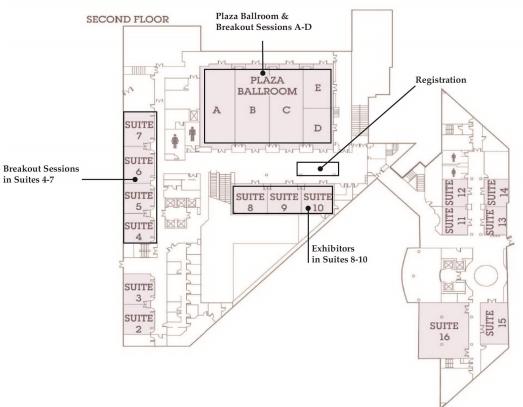




Office of Continuing Education

Sheraton Hotel





7:30 – 8:45 am **Registration, Breakfast, Exhibits**

8:45 – 9:00 am Welcome / Opening Remarks

Plaza Ballroom & Clearwater Curtis T. Hill, Jr. Indiana Attorney General

9:00 – 10:00 am

General Session

Plaza Ballroom & Clearwater

The Impact of Marijuana Legalization
Thomas J. Gorman, Rocky Mountain HIDTA

10:00 −10:15 am **Break**

10:15—11:15 am **Breakout Sessions:**

Clinical 1. Medical Professionals' Obligation to Improve Opioid Safety

Plaza AB Amy LaHood, St. Vincent Medical Group

Palmer MacKie, Eskenazi Health

Enforcement 2. Overdose Death Crime Scene Investigations
Plaza CDE Aaron Negangard, Office of the Indiana Attorney General

Prevention / 3. An Overview of Overdose Lifeline & Preventure: Personality Targeted Interventions for

Education Adolescent Substance Misuse
Suite 6-7 Justin Phillips, Overdose Lifeline
Savannah Brenneke, Overdose Lifeline

Treatment 4. Fresh Start: A Holistic, Family-Centered Approach to Residential Addiction Treatment

Suite 4-5 Shannon Schumacher, Volunteers of America, Indiana

Rachel Halleck, Volunteers of America, Indiana

11:15—11:30 am **Break**

11:30am – 12:30 pm **Breakout Sessions:**

Clinical 1. The Opioid Crisis: Rethinking the First-Line Approach to Pain

Plaza AB Peter Furno, Indiana State Chiropractic Association (ISCA)

Pat McGuffey, ISCA Jessaca Turner Stults, ISCA

Prevention / 2. Allen County Drug Task Force

Education Deb McMahan, Allen County Health Commissioner

Suite 6-7 Megan Fisher, Bowen Center

Marcia Haaff, Lutheran Foundation

Kevin Hunter, Fort Wayne Police Dept., Narcotics Division Wendy Davis, Allen County Superior Court Criminal Division

Enforcement 3. The Effects of the Opioid Crisis on Public Safety

Plaza CDE Jay Frederick, Columbus Police Dept.

Patrick Harrington, Tippecanoe County Prosecutor

John Boyd, LaPorte County Sheriff

Mary Beth Bonaventura, Indiana Dept. of Child Services

Treatment 4. Effects of Opioid Addiction on the Workforce

Suite 4-5 Rodrigo Garcia, Parkdale Recovery Center

Denise Fields, Cummins LiveWell Center

12:30—12:45 pm **Break**

12:45—1:45 pm Lunch: Jail Chemical Addiction Programs

Plaza Ballroom & Brandon George, Proactive Resources
Clearwater Michael Nielsen, Boone County Sheriff

Steve Kelly, Dearborn County Court Services
Sally McLaughlin, Dearborn County Judge

1:45—2:00 pm **Break**

2:00—3:00 pm **Breakout Sessions:**

Clinical 1. Psychological Considerations in Care for Patients With Chronic Pain

Plaza AB Anne Mary Montero, IU Health

Prevention / **2. Porter County Heroin Response Project**Education David Reynolds, Porter County Sheriff Dept.
Plaza CDE Tim Manteuffel, Porter County Sheriff Dept.
Alex Ulloa, Drug Enforcement Administration

Enforcement 3. Recovery and the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder: A Pharmacist's Perspective

Suite 6-7 Jake Nichols, Pharmacist in Long Term Recovery

Treatment 4. Residential Peer-Support Recovery: What Works and What Doesn't

Suite 4-5 Quintin Chipley, Health Science Center, University of Louisville

Michael E. Townsend, Recovery Kentucky

3:00—3:15 pm **Break**

3:15—4:15 pm **Keynote Address**

Plaza Ballroom & Introduction from Congresswoman Susan Brooks, Indiana's 5th District

Clearwater Chris Christie, Governor of New Jersey

4:15—4:30 pm **Break**

4:30—5:30 pm **Breakout Sessions:**

Clinical 1. What We Wish We Would Have Known About Perinatal Substance Abuse

Plaza CDE Tara Benjamin, IU Health
Brandi Brinkerhoff, IU Health

Bizz Grimes, IU Health

Enforcement 2. Synthetics and Other Emerging Drug Trends

Plaza AB Samuel D. LaCourte, Indiana National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce

Prevention / 3. The Fishers Mental Health Initiative

Education Steven Orusa, Fishers Fire Chief
Suite 4-5 Scott Fadness, Fishers Mayor

Suzanne Clifford, Inspiring Transformations Brooke Lawson, Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Enforcement 4. Battling the Drug Crisis Behind the Bench

Suite 6-7 Wendy Davis, Allen County Judge

Jon Cleary, Dearborn County Judge

Ron Michaelson, Cincinnati Veterans Court

April Winfield, Allen County Adult Probation Dept.

5:30—7:00 pm **Reception in the Clearwater Ballroom**—*Light appetizers and cash bar.*

8:00 – 9:00 am Registration, Breakfast, and Exhibits

9:00—9:15 am Welcome/Opening Remarks

Plaza Ballroom & Clearwater

Curtis T. Hill, Jr., Indiana Attorney General

9:15—10:15 am Plaza Ballroom &

Clearwater

General Session: The Good, the Bad and the Outcomes of Medicated Assisted Treatment

Moderator: Stephen McCaffrey, Mental Health America of Indiana

Tim Kelly, Community Health Network Eric Davis, Life Recovery Center

Jim Ryser, IU Health

Nate Harter, Decatur County Prosecutor

10:15 —10:30 am **Break**

10:30—11:30 am **Breakout Sessions:**

Clinical 1. Hospital Opioid Prescribing Policies and Safe and Compassionate Opioid Weaning

Plaza AB Karie Morrical-Kline, St. Vincent Medical Group
Andrew Shoemaker, St. Vincent Medical Group

Prevention / **2. How State Agencies are Addressing the Opioid Crisis Through Technology**Education Katie Hokanson, Trauma and Injury Prevention Division, Indiana State Dept. of Health

Plaza CDE Kara Slusser, INSPECT

Enforcement 3. State of Drug Enforcement and Interdiction in Indiana

Suite 6-7 Gary Ashenfelter, Indiana Drug Enforcement Association
Paul McDonald, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Dept.

Treatment 4. Recovery Housing in Indiana

Suite 4-5 Darrell Mitchell, Indiana Affiliation of Recovery Residences

Wendy Noe, Dove Recovery House

11:30-11:45 am **Break**

11:45 – 12:45 pm Plaza Ballroom & Clearwater Lunch: Reform of the Criminal Justice Code: Why it Matters in Fighting the Drug Crisis

Curtis T. Hill, Jr., Indiana Attorney General

12:45—1:00 pm **Break**

1:00-2:00 pm Breakout Sessions:

Prevention 1. The Opioid Epidemic: The Many Aspects of Prevention

Suite 6-7 Jennifer Lloyd, Ohio Attorney General's Office

Treatment

2. How I Got Clean: A Panel of Those in Recovery

Plaza CDE

Moderator: Robin Parsons, Fairbanks Recovery Center

Tara Hunter, Recovery Spokesperson Clayton Paul, Recovery Spokesperson Matthew Heskett, Recovery Spokesperson Alec Schiering, Recovery Spokesperson

Clinical 3. Integrated Medication Assisted Treatment with Buprenorphine in Primary Care

Plaza AB Nicholas Piotrowski, IU Health West Central Region

2:00 pm **Program Concludes**

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General Session 9:00 am -10:00 am

Plaza Ballroom

The Impact of Marijuana Legalization

This session will cover related subjects leading to the facts about the impact of legalizing "medical" and recreational marijuana in Colorado. Subject matter will include such topics as the war on drugs, success or failure, the truth behind the drug legalization movement, normalization of marijuana and data covering the six years of commercialized "medical" marijuana and two years of recreational marijuana in Colorado. The attendees will be able to determine for themselves whether pro- or anti-legalization groups were accurate in their predictions about the impact of marijuana legalization.

Learning Objectives — At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Assess the success or failure of the U.S. drug policy with facts, not rhetoric.
- •Understand what has been happening in Colorado since marijuana was legalized.
- •Assess the success or failure of legalizing marijuana in Colorado.

Breakout Sessions 10:15 am - 11:15 am

Clinical Plaza AB

1. Medical Professionals' Obligation to Improve Opioid Safety

Taking steps to ensure that health care professionals who prescribe opioids are properly trained and educated in opioid prescribing is a critical and necessary step in preventing future substance abuse disorders. This session will provide an overview of the acute pain legislation that went into effect July 2017 and a refresher on the chronic pain regulations and the Do No Harm Toolkit. The medical community has accumulated a of high quality data over the past 5-10 years showing the harms of opioids used in chronic pain. As most practitioners can attest to, incorporating this data into practice can be an enormous challenge when treating the opioid tolerant population. This session will explore some practical and necessary strategies for compassionate treatment of the opioid tolerant and chronic pain population.

Learning Objectives — At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Learn the specifics of Indiana's new acute pain opioid legislation and understand its goal of limiting opioid prescribing, recognize when it is to be applied, and learn documentation requirements to provide more than 7 days of supply.
- •Understand why extra precaution should be used when prescribing opioids for individuals under the age of 25, patients with personal history of substance misuse or addiction, patients taking benzodiazepines or other sedatives, patients with unstable mental health issues or patients with respiratory conditions.
- •Learn the reasons certain historical and physiologic factors must be considered when initiating or continuing prescribing opioids and identifying high risk clinical situations wherein opioids should likely not be continued, especially in primary care.

Enforcement Plaza CDE

2. Overdose Death Crime Scene Investigations

This session will cover the prevalence of overdose deaths in the United States. Specifically this session will teach you that an overdose scene should be treated as a crime scene. Effective investigation will often allow law enforcement officials to locate the supplier of the fatal drugs. When a suspect has been identified, it is important to build a case able to convict the perpetrator of this crime. Therefore real-world cases will illustrate effective strategies for investigating an overdose scene. This presentation will address how to identify and collect key evidence that will help you build criminal cases that can obtain convictions against the drug traffickers responsible for the death.

Learning Objectives - At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Recognize indicators that a death may be from an overdose.
- •Treat an overdose site as a crime scene and investigate the scene thoroughly.
- •Identify the evidence needed to effectively build a case that will convict those that contribute to the overdose.

Prevention / Education Suite 6-7



3. An Overview of Overdose Lifeline and PreVenture: Personality Targeted Interventions for Adolescent Substance Misuse

Over the course of decades we have cycled through drug education programs - most with a common blanket approach and application of scare tactics to prevent students from drinking or using substances. Unfortunately, many of these programs have failed and are becoming increasingly irrelevant to today's youth. In recognizing that most teenagers who try alcohol, cocaine, opioids or methamphetamine do not become addicted, mental health professionals have started to look at individual risk factors among those who do end up addicted. Preventing the disease of addiction rather than reacting to it is proving to be more important than ever, especially as we see a growing number of adolescents living with addiction. This session will look at unique approaches in prevention programming to encourage community partners to think outside of the box to improve mental health among their youth. One such approach that will be examined is that of PreVenture's personality-targeted program out of Canada. The program looks at the individual, rather than the group, to develop strong coping skills, specifically addressing an adolescent's own personality and risk-taking behavior. Attendees will also hear about additional resources available through Overdose Lifeline, Inc.

Learning Objectives — At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Identify the current needs of their communities in addressing the mental health issue of addiction, with a strong focus on prevention among youth and adolescents.
- •Examine past and present drug prevention programs and critically assess their effectiveness at the community level.
- •Evaluate the methods, application and outcomes of the prevention programs.

Treatment Suite 4-5

4. Fresh Start: A Holistic, Family-Centered Approach to Residential Addiction Treatment

The State of Indiana has been hit particularly hard by the opioid epidemic. In 2016, the waitlist for children in need of foster care placement increased dramatically to 23,000 children waiting for a home. More than half of these children have been removed from their home due to the opioid crisis. In response to this dramatic need, Volunteers of America, Indiana worked in collaboration with the Department of Child Services to open the Fresh Start Recovery Center. This program is an innovative treatment approach that allows children to live with their mother during the mother's treatment rather than having to be removed from the family and placed onto the foster care waitlist. The program employs a holistic approach to treatment that includes addictions recovery, connection with Medication-Assisted Treatment, mental health treatment, and around-the-clock in vivo parenting training. This program boasts a successful completion rate nearly double the national average, a dramatic decrease in infants born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, and shorter maternal involvement with the child welfare system. Attendees will learn about the catastrophic effects of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome as well as the development, implementation, and evaluation of this innovative and effective intervention.

Learning Objectives—At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Learn about the catastrophic effects of the opiate epidemic on families.
- •Understand the damaging effects of mother/infant separation as a result of addiction.
- •Learn about a new, innovative approach to treatment that allows mothers and children to remain together during treatment.



Breakout Sessions 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Plaza AB

1. The Opioid Crisis: Rethinking the First-Line Approach to Pain

There is a growing body of research that validates the effectiveness of chiropractic and acupuncture services, leading many respected health care organizations to recommend these alternatives as a drug-free approach to pain relief. In 2017, the American College of Physicians, CDC and Joint Commission all released guidelines for the treatment of acute and chronic pain to recommend first using non-invasive, non-drug treatments before resorting to drug therapies. According to these guidelines, prescription opioids should be a last resort for those suffering from low back pain, as the risk of overdose may outweigh the benefits. This session will discuss ways all stakeholders may explore the appropriateness, efficacy and cost-effectiveness of alternative pain management therapies, including proper nutrition, and embrace these solutions as a realistic opportunity for America's opioid exit strategy.

Learning Objectives—At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Identify non-pharmacologic interventions for pain treatment across a variety of patient populations and healthcare delivery settings.
- •Recognize evidence-based, non-pharmacologic therapies within best practice models for pain management.
- •Understand ways to improve access to non-pharmacologic therapies for providers.

Prevention/Education Suite 6-7

2. Allen County Drug Task Force

Members of the Allen County Drug Task Force will share their collaboration efforts to address the opioid crisis in one of the most affected areas of the state. Panelists will share their struggles and barriers such as healthcare provider bias, lack of awareness of crisis among public officials and businesses, increased volume of individuals with substance abuse disorder in the judicial system and lack of access to MAT for pregnant women and other affected populations. This session will discuss ways this multidisciplinary group addressed these issues and implemented solutions in their community. Attendees will learn about their successes in overcoming many of these barriers including the facilitation of seminars, meetings and media events, collaboration efforts to fund sober living housing for courts, ways they increased access to treatment prior to release from jail and partnerships to increase capacity to provide treatment to individuals with substance use disorders.

Learning Objectives - At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Develop strategies to engage stakeholders and work together as a community.
- Identify new ideas for collaboration with the community to address barriers or challenges.
- •Recognize ways to increase access to treatment within the community.

Enforcement Plaza CDE

3. Effects of the Opioid Crisis on Public Safety

The epidemic of overdoses and deaths from the abuse of prescription painkillers and heroin has devastated countless families and communities across our state. Leaders at the local level experience the human costs of this public health crisis one life at a time. We confront the tragedies of this epidemic in rural counties and in urban cities, and no portion of society is immune from the devastation. Families are shattered without regard to income, race, ethnicity, gender, educational attainment or family structure. This session will address the overall impact on public safety, which includes law enforcement, courts, jails and CHINS (Child in Need of Support), as all are severely impacted. City and county leaders are entrusted with preserving the health, safety and vitality of their communities. There is a duty and a balance to break the cycles of addiction, overdose, and death that have taken hold in so many corners of this state by recognizing that while addiction is a disease, but it is also necessary to hold people accountable for their action when innocent people have to pay the price.

Learning Objectives – At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- Understand how children of parents with substance use issues are more likely than their peers to experience abuse and neglect.
- •Recognize how law enforcement is on the front lines of this crisis every day.
- •Understand the underground drug economy fueled by the opioid crisis.

Treatment Suite 4-5

4. Effects of Opioid Addiction on the Workforce

According to one study, prescription opioid abuse alone cost employers more than \$25 billion. Other studies show people with addictions are far more likely to be sick or absent, or to use workers' compensation benefits. When it comes to workers' comp, opioids are frequently prescribed when non-opioid pain relievers would be sufficient. National Safety Council released a survey showing 4 of 5 employers in Indiana said they've confronted painkiller abuse in the workplace. Companies and organizations of all sizes have an important role promoting the health and safety of employees and managing risks in the workplace. This session looks at how employers who have strong workplace policies, education, health benefit programs and well-trained managers create safe and healthy environments in which both employees and business thrive.

Learning Objectives—At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Identify the emotional and economic effects of opioid use on the workforce.
- •Address opioid use and addiction among healthcare employees.
- •Understand how employers can take a proactive role in identifying drug use and providing resources.

Lunch Session 12:45 pm-1:45 pm

Plaza Ballroom

Jail Chemical Addiction Programs (JCAP)

Active Resources, Boone County Sheriff's Department and Boone County Probation work closely together on a comprehensive approach in treating addiction and other mental illness, both inside the jail and out into the community. They believe in a holistic approach, which includes Boone County's jail-based intervention program, improved access to mental health services, the implementation of MATS, and continuing services post-incarceration. The Dearborn County JCAP is founded on the principle that effective chemical dependency treatment initiated early and comprehensively can alter the clinical course of one's addiction to psychoactive chemicals. It utilizes the "Strategies for Self-Improvement and Change (SSC)" model as its core programming, delivered in an intensive outpatient format. Hear how both of these programs can save lives, improve treatment outcomes, lower recidivism rates, and improve the health of their communities.

Learning Objectives — At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Demonstrate how treatment providers can work closely with county officials to get people with substance use disorders into treatment, which begins at the main point of entry and continues upon release into society.
- Understand the need to treat substance abuse disorders and underlying health problems concurrently to improve treatment outcomes.
- •Identify how JCAP has helped participants recover from addiction while incarcerated.

Breakout Sessions 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Clinical Plaza AB

1. Psychological Considerations in Directing Care for Patients with Chronic Pain

Navigating clinical care of patients with chronic pain is complex, requiring one to balance the needs of the patient with safety and legal/ethical considerations. A critical component of effective care in many medical specialties is psychological evaluation of patients, especially as risks for opioid treatment involve key areas that are the specialization of behavioral assessment providers. Patient risk factors can be effectively identified through a thorough psychological evaluation and can mitigate risk, especially related to key areas of compliance, behavioral management of controlled substance prescriptions, and substance abuse risk. Inclusion of psychological assessment in medical decision-making has served as a current model for interdisciplinary practice and should be included in future investigation.

Learning Objectives — At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Identify factors contributing to complexity in management of patients with chronic pain.
- •Understand components of psychological assessment, including evaluation of specific risk factors for patients and healthcare providers, and understand how these are relevant to advanced pain care.
- •Outline areas for future research related to this proposed interdisciplinary model of practice.

Enforcement/Prevention

Plaza CDE

2. Porter County Heroin Response Project

The first heroin video produced by the Porter County Sheriff's Office focuses on education and prevention. This second video highlights the challenge for law enforcement, the emergence of fentanyl, and the fact that it's not just a Porter County crisis but a national crisis. The video also addresses the need for the community, not just law enforcement, to respond to the crisis in order to reach a solution; and it, highlights the need for parents to take accountability and responsibility. This presentation will include the HORT initiative wherein patrol investigates all overdoses as crime scenes. A PowerPoint presentation will include Porter County working with DEA, highlighting charts of dealers and the impact overdoses are having not only in Porter County but in Northwest Indiana.

Learning Objectives — At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Understand that the heroin crisis is not just a law enforcement problem.
- •Understand the importance of the HORT concept, in which valuable information is secured at an overdose scene and shared to area drug units for the explicit purpose of identifying and arresting drug dealers.
- •Identify ways the community can respond to the crisis and help be a part of the solution.

Pharmacy

Suite 6-7

3. Recovery and the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder: A Pharmacist's Perspective

This session will focus on the concept of recovery and how pharmacists can play a valuable role in facilitating entry into remission from opioid use disorder. The information will be presented from the viewpoint of a pharmacist who had a 15 year history of substance use and was a Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) patient. Topics covered will include how to properly counsel patients receiving MAT, ways to discuss issues of concern without generating conflict, and identifying local resources that may be helpful to the patient, and/or their families.

Learning Objectives – At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •List the dimensions of recovery as described in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) definition of recovery.
- •Summarize the goals of treatment when utilizing medication assisted treatment.
- •Outline the signs and symptoms of a substance use disorder and how pharmacists can be a touchpoint in the recovery process.

Treatment

Suite 4-5

4. Residential Peer - Support Recovery: What Works and What Doesn't

The first half of this session presents the programs and results (12 month follow-up) in behavior change and social/ psychological functioning for 17 residential communities in Kentucky. The second half presents data collected from a sample of more than 1,600 of these participants where these subjects were queried as to their life-time history of drug and alcohol use and any experiences with the medication buprenorphine/ naloxone 4:1. Both studies are under direction of the University of Kentucky Center for Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Conclusions are that 1) motivated men and women with the disease of poly substance use disorder can recover in long-term, peer-support, gender-tracked, residential communities where a protective setting is created for abstinence from all forms of euphoriants and where 12 Step principles and actions are inculcated and 2) that this population has historically found little success and apparently considerable problems when using buprenorphine.

Learning Objectives - At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •List the major phases and content that are common to the residential, peer-support communities at the Recovery Kentucky/ Healing Place locations.
- •Cite in a general way the 12 month follow-up statistics for this population regarding 1) reductions in drug and alcohol use, depression, anxiety and legal-system encounters, 2) increases in employment, family involvement and perceived satisfaction in life and 3) known mortality figures.
- •Cite in a general way the percentages of people in this population's prior experiences with buprenorphine / naloxone.

General Session 3:15 pm-4:15 pm

Plaza Ballroom

Keynote Speaker - Governor Chris Christie

New Jersey Governor Christie discusses lessons he has learned about fighting the drug abuse crisis throughout his public-service career in New Jersey and how he now is helping apply these lessons on a national scale via his role as Chairman of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis. Governor Christie discusses his belief in the need for a holistic approach to battling drug addiction by increasing funding for lifesaving overdose antidotes; expanding the successful recovery coach program; and proposing and imposing limits on opioid prescriptions. Governor Christie also discusses treating drug-addicted offenders through mandatory drug court programs such as one he implemented in New Jersey.

Learning Objectives—At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- Recognize the benefits of a well-rounded, all-encompassing holistic approach in battling addiction.
- •Understand the value of limiting opioid prescriptions in the fight against drug abuse.
- •Identify steps taken by New Jersy to fight the opioid crisis.

Breakout Sessions 4:30 pm -5:30 pm

Clinical Plaza CDE

1. What We Wish We Would Have Known About Perinatal Substance Abuse

Pregnant women are the most motivated to recover from substance abuse when compared to other populations. Prioritizing their care has the potential for a substantial impact on generational addiction and the opioid epidemic in Indiana. In this session, presenters will provide a platform for those in the trenches caring for pregnant women to share ideas, examine solutions and show stakeholders the hardships faced. Additional intent is to impart advice, mentorship and knowledge that will urge medication-assisted treatment providers not currently managing pregnant women to consider doing so. Experienced high risk pregnancy providers will describe their lessons learned while developing and instituting a medication-assisted treatment program for pregnant women. Presenters will demonstrate their response to barriers incurred including protocol development and implementation, ancillary service procurement and collaboration, education attainment and dispersal, and finally, peripartum management.

Learning Objectives—At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- Provide a platform to cultivate critical thought and dialogue among those who care for pregnant women with opioid use disorder.
- •Encourage medication assisted treatment providers to care for pregnant women and make stakeholders aware of the adversity faced in their care.
- •Prevent other practitioners from recreating the wheel in developing a medication assisted treatment program for pregnant women.

Enforcement Plaza AB

2. Synthetics and Other Emerging Drug Trends

This session will provide an inside glimpse into the tactics, techniques and procedures utilized by Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations. Staff Sergeant Samuel La Corte has worked on numerous projects with the Indiana State Police Drug Enforcement Section by providing analytical support to Domestic Marijuana Eradication and Suppression missions. Sgt. LaCorte will address ways law enforcement can use analytical data to identify emerging drug trends, overdose deaths and other drug related crimes. Attendees will also gain valuable information on Indiana drug trends and prices, with a focus on heroin and synthetic opiates.

Learning Objectives — At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- Recognize indicators law enforcement can use to identify Mexican Drug Trafficking organizations.
- Identify resources to support detection, interdiction and curtailment of drug trafficking activities.
- •Learn how analytical data can help law enforcement track drug trends and overdose deaths.

Education/Prevention Suite 4-5

3. Fishers Mental Health Initiative

The Mayor of Fishers went on a police ride-along and discovered that his city had a mental health challenge that until that time went unnoticed. In 2016 Fishers had 189 immediate detentions, 39 suicide attempts, and 11 death by suicides. He asked what could and what should they be doing as a community to help citizens in silent despair. He put together a team of mental health experts, public safety officers and school officials. His mission assignment was to create a community that embraces mental health before a crisis occurs. This presentation talks about the journey toward making a difference.

Learning Objectives — At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Understand the challenges that led to the creation of the Fishers Mental Health Initiative.
- •Identify the management structure and deliverables of Phase 1 of the Fishers Mental Health Initiative.
- •Define the purpose of Phase II of the Fishers Mental Health Initiative.

Enforcement Suite 6-7

4. Battling the Drug Crisis from Behind the Bench

Our criminal justice system is overloaded with substance abuse offenders. This session will look at different ways that judicial systems are dealing with the opioid crisis in their counties through evidence-based practices. Get a closer look at Dearborn County's problem-solving drug court, which was developed as an innovative response to deal with offenders' problems, including drug abuse and mental illness. Look at how the Veterans Justice Outreach in Cincinnati has partnered with that court to develop programs, responsive to the complex needs of justice-involved veterans. Many counties, such as Allen, are tackling the crisis with post-conviction programs, in lieu of problem-solving courts. Jude Wendy Davis will discuss Allen County's HOPE probation program and how clients can be directly placed on HOPE Probation at the time of sentencing or can be modified from regular supervision following a violation if the client is in need of more accountability. Clients are required to report once per week for scheduled appointments, undergo increased home visits, and be placed on a random urine screen hotline. This session will focus on combating common misconceptions about problem-solving courts and highlight the recovery and financial successes for participating communities.

Learning Objective—At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- Identify how drug courts collaborate with treatment and healthcare providers to use Medicated Assisted Treatment and other individualized treatment and recovery models.
- Discuss the post-conviction program options and the new legislative pilot (SB 510) in which Allen County is participating.
- Understand the importance of regional collaboration through an example of the Dearborn County Veterans Treatment Court, which is certified to serve justice.

General Session 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Plaza Ballroom

The Good, the Bad and the Outcomes of Medicated Assisted Treatment

Medication Assisted Treatment has been the subject of scrutiny since its inception. This session will feature a panel to discuss how we increase both access and accountability of MATs. Although progress continues with the use of medication, many concerns still remain. Research has confirmed the effectiveness of medications in combination with a comprehensive treatment program, but many people continue to be wary. You will hear from treatment providers who have found all FDA approved MATs to be necessary tools in the toolbox. A different perspective suggests that MAT treatment is just trading one drug for another and you are not truly in recovery until you are totally abstinent and working the 12 step program. It will be argued from a law enforcement perspective that a lot of substance users obtain prescription opiates outside of legitimate medical channels by buying or selling unused medications on the street. The more readily available opioids are through the illicit drug trade, the less likely an individual with a substance use disorder may be to seek legitimate medical assistance. The panel will discuss the need to find a balanced approach between public health and public safety as it relates to MAT.

Learning Objectives: - At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Understand how medication is not the only solution but can be an integral part of someone's treatment plan to aid in their recovery while they detox from the physical symptoms of withdrawal.
- •Understand how treatment providers can provide comprehensive treatment.
- •Examine how we need to address the diversion and accessibility of MATs on the streets.

Breakout Sessions 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Clinical Plaza AB

1. Hospital Opioid Prescribing Policies and Safe and Compassionate Opioid Weaning

This discussion will address different reasons to consider weaning from opioid therapy, options for the rate of wean based on reasons for weaning, how to develop a compassionate wean, options to manage withdrawal symptoms should these occur, and patient education and engagement. Also discussed will be the problems of opioid prescribing and the steps St. Vincent Hospital Network has taken as a medical group to implement policy for a ceiling to opioid prescribing. This will include the process and implementation as well as monitoring of the process. Necessary resources to support the policy implementation (consultative education and weaning support) will be included.

Learning Objectives — At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Understand how it is appropriate to consider an opioid wean when the risks associated with treatment begin to outweigh the benefits.
- •Examine tools and therapies use to help wean a patient from opioids.
- •Understand a hospital's policy on opioid prescribing and why it is successful.

Prevention Plaza CDE

2. How State Agencies are Addressing the Opioid Crisis Through Technology

The Indiana State Department of Health is addressing the opioid crisis on various fronts. They include collecting information on opioids within the state for statistical analysis, monitoring the distribution of naloxone within the state through the website OptIn.In.gov and working with local health departments and local coordinating councils on community outreach. The state prescription drug monitoring program, INSPECT, is one of the most important tools prescribers, dispensers and law enforcement have to be able to combat and address the opioid epidemic in the state. New changes are happening with the program which will not only benefit healthcare and law enforcement but also the state as a whole as we move into a new era of using data analytics to examine communities struggling with opioids and the consequences Indiana is facing.

Learning Objectives—At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- $\bullet \text{Understand what types of opioid-related information is available from the ISDH and how to request it. } \\$
- •Understand the partnerships and collaboration that are happening among state agencies in regard to data sharing.
- •Identify new changes to the INSPECT system and how it will benefit users.

Enforcement Suite 6-7

3. State of Drug Enforcement and Interdiction in Indiana

This presentation will focus on law enforcement's efforts to reduce the flow of illegal narcotics across our highway system. Interdiction not only means car and truck traffic but parcel shipments, air traffic, trains and the use of motels as staging areas. We will highlight what works and proven methods as well as pitfalls associated with this type of enforcement.

Learning Objectives — At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Gain an understanding on how drugs are transported.
- •Learn of the inherent dangers involved in narcotics interdiction.

Treatment and Recovery

Suite 4-5

4. Recovery Housing in Indiana

This session will discuss the current state of affairs in Indiana relative to recovery homes. From a top down view, there are 6.6 million people living in Indiana. Since the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) suggests that 10 percent of all Americans suffer from substance use disorders. 660,000 Hoosiers could benefit from treatment and recovery support services. 10 percent could benefit from recovery housing; therefore we need 66,000 beds across our state. The reality is we have less than 1,700 beds, therefore we are serving less than 2 percent of those in need. 98 percent of the individuals in Indiana that would benefit from recovery housing services today, will not receive them until we increase capacity. Of the 92 counties in Indiana, 66 of them do not have any recovery homes and all of them are rural counties. This presentation will address what still needs to be done.

Learning Objectives — At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Describe what recovery housing is and how residents benefit.
- Understand how and where to find recovery houses in Indiana and learn best -practice models from the recovery houses.
- •Identify what is being done in Indiana to improve the quality of services and increase capacity at recovery residences across the state.

Lunch Session 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Plaza Ballroom

Reform of the Criminal Justice Code: Why it Matters in Fighting the Drug Crisis

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill discusses the origins and motivations for reforming the criminal justice code in the United States and how such efforts affect the ability of law enforcement to keep dangerous drug dealers and other offenders off the streets. Hill believes public safety requires courts, law enforcement and prosecutors to remain committed to the incarceration of chronic and violent offenders. Without these important elements, he argues, meaningful progress toward ending the nation's drug crisis will be perpetually thwarted.

Learning Objectives—At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Understand the comparisons of the penalties pre and post 2014 criminal code reform and how dealing over 3 grams of heroin under the old criminal code was a class A felony with an advisory sentence of 30 years. That same offense today would be a level 5 felony with an advisory sentence of 3 years.
- •Learn how strict accountability under the law is absolutely necessary to a functional prevention and treatment effort.



Breakout Sessions 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Prevention Suite 6-7

1. The Opioid Epidemic: The Many Aspects of Prevention

Jennifer Lloyd, Director of Statewide Outreach on Substance Abuse for the Office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, will discuss many of the prevention programs and initiatives within Ohio. This overview will include statewide programming and recommendations, community initiatives and examples of unique local initiatives that are making a difference. The efforts discussed in this session are critically important for those in recovery or struggling through the disease of addiction to prevent further trauma and relapse.

Learning Objectives — At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Gain an understanding of the many aspects of prevention that are important considering the dramatic consequences of the opioid epidemic.
- •Gain an understanding of the long term consequences of the opioid epidemic and programming that may be considered to decrease the negative effects.
- •Learn new ideas to implement in communities so that we can change the language from one of sadness and despair to one of hope.

Treatment Plaza CDE

2. How I Got Clean: A Panel of Those in Recovery

In the past, the one-size-fits-all approach to drug and alcohol treatment was seen as an effective way to treat and manage addiction. However, as rehabilitation programs have progressed, it has become evident that this "cookie cutter" approach is largely ineffective for those suffering from opiate use disorders. Each person is unique, so why should they be expected to benefit from the same treatment options? There are numerous factors that can potentially contribute to an addiction, and all of these factors must be addressed in order for treatment to be successful. Personalized addiction treatment programs take each individual's unique background, health and needs into account and formulate their treatment regimens accordingly. Hear from individuals who have been treated for opiate use disorder, using different approaches and how they have maintained their recovery.

Learning Objectives — At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Understand how the use of a Bridge device lessened the dangerous and painful effects of withdrawal and assisted in quitting "cold-turkey."
- •Understand the benefits of both abstinence based and medicated assisted treatment programs.
- •Understand what needs to be done on a daily basis to maintain recovery by recognizing it as a process, not a single event.

Clinical Plaza AB

3. Integrated Medication Assisted Treatment with Buprenorphine in Primary Care

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) with buprenorphine may be effective in the management of opioid use disorders, but patients often lack access in rural areas. The Indiana University Health – West Central Region Behavioral Health Department has developed a model incorporating MAT with buprenorphine into an existing integrated primary care behavioral health system in Tippecanoe and surrounding counties. The model follows a "hub and spoke" paradigm, where patients are initially managed in a central "hub" using shared medical visits with mandatory group behavioral treatment. Chronic, stable patients are seen in primary care clinic "spokes" with ongoing behavioral support. This model creates a continuum of care effective for many patients with opioid use disorders, including entry into treatment, intensive support and aftercare-without the need for expensive detoxification and residential treatment services.

Learning Objectives — At the completion of this presentation the participant will be able to:

- •Identify evidence-based medication -assisted treatments for opioid use disorders.
- •Describe models of combining medication assisted -treatment with primary care.
- •Understand key practices in the implementation of a primary-care -based chronic care model for opioid use disorders.

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Gary Ashenfelter

Gary is a retired police officer of the Kokomo (Indiana) Police Department. After serving in the patrol and detective division, he spent nearly his entire 21 year career serving in a multi-jurisdictional drug task force in Central Indiana. He worked 4 years for the prosecutor in Indiana's 62nd Judicial Circuit, investigating white collar crime. Gary is one of the co-founders, charter members, and past presidents of IDEA (Indiana Drug Enforcement Association), where he currently serves as Director of Training and Operations, and oversees Indiana's statewide narcotics training. In addition, Gary is one of the co-founders and Great Lakes Regional Director of the NNOAC (National Narcotics Officers' Associations' Coalition). He is a graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's Commanders School, and many specialty law enforcement schools. He has received commendations from two different FBI Directors. Gary is married with two children, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Tara Benjamin

Tara Benjamin is the Director of the Maternal Recovery Program for Riley Maternity and Newborn Health and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Indiana University School of Medicine. Dr. Benjamin has a special interest in Opioid Use Disorder in pregnancy and has a DEA waiver to prescribe buprenorphine for up to 100 patients. Since joining the faculty at IUSM in August 2015, she and her team have managed almost 300 pregnant women with Opioid Use Disorder. She is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Her Bachelor of Science was obtained from Xavier University of Louisiana and her Medical Doctorate from Harvard Medical School. Her residency was completed at Tulane University and her fellowship at Indiana University School of Medicine, where she also received a Master's of Science in Clinical Research.

Mary Beth Bonaventura

Judge Mary Beth Bonaventura was appointed Director of the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) by former Governor Mike Pence in January 2013. The mission of DCS is to protect children from abuse and neglect, and work to ensure their financial support. Prior to leading DCS, Bonaventura served Hoosiers in Lake County for over 30 years, most recently as Senior Judge of one of the toughest juvenile court systems in Indiana, the Lake County Superior Court, Juvenile Division. Judge Bonaventura was appointed Senior Judge in 1993 by then-Governor Evan Bayh after having served more than a decade as Magistrate in the Juvenile Court. Since the start of her career in the Juvenile Court, Bonaventura has been recognized for her dedication and outstanding service to children. In 2008, then-Governor Mitch Daniels appointed her to the Indiana commission on Disproportionality in Youth Services. In 2009, she was named Chair of the Civil Rights of Children Committee for the Indiana State Bar Association, and then-Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice, Randall T. Shepard appointed her as Chair of the Child Welfare Improvement Committee. Bonaventura has served on several community, academic and child welfarerelated governing boards and committees. Currently, she serves on Indiana's Commission on Improving the Status of Children and Indiana's Commission to Combat Drug Abuse. She is also a member of the Marian University Board of Trustees. As a servant leader, she has received many awards and accolades including: Distinguished Alumni from Marian University, Years of Outstanding Service Award from Prevent Child Abuse Lake County, Trailblazer Award from the Indiana Black Caucus, Mental Health Advocate of the Year from the Lake County Mental Health Association, St. Joseph Worker Award from Calumet College, Pillar in the Community Award from Geminus Corporation Wernle Catalyst for Change Regional Award (she is the first woman to receive this award.) In addition, former Indiana Governor, and Mike Pence presented her with the Sagamore of the Wabash, which is the highest honor an Indiana Governor can bestow upon a Hoosier. Bonaventura is a Lake County native who earned a Juris Doctor degree from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois, and received an honorary Doctor of Arts and Humane Letters degree from Marian University.



John Boyd

Sheriff John Boyd began his law enforcement career with the La Porte Police Department in 1988 and came to the La Porte County Sheriff's Office in 1990. He has held several positions within the Department including: Patrolman, DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Officer, Shift Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Chief of Detectives, Captain and Major. He has been a previous member of the Emergency Response Team (ERT), a Field Training Officer (FTO) the Field Training Program Manager. In addition, he was the former commander of the La Porte County DUI Task Force. Sheriff Boyd is a graduate of La Porte High School and is a 1988 graduate of Purdue University with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He has received enhanced training in the fields of criminal investigations, management and leadership, hostage negotiations, drug investigations and sex offender management. In October 2015 he was appointed by Governor Mike Pence to serve as a member of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Board of Trustees. In January of 2017 he was re-appointed to the same position by Governor Eric Holcomb. He serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Indiana Sheriff's Youth Ranch, which is located in Clay County. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area).

Savannah Brenneke

Savannah Brenneke joined Overdose Lifeline Inc. (ODL) in 2017 as the Director of Policy and Research. In her role, Savannah oversees the advocacy work of the organization. She also conduct program evaluation and research on ODL's own program, "This is [NOT] about Drugs," and others to ensure that the programs are effective and appropriate in the context of Indiana's opioid epidemic. She graduated with her Master's in Public Health from Indiana University – Bloomington with a focus on Behavioral, Social and Community Health. Savannah has dedicated the majority of her time to assessing the public health impact of state and federal policies and the ethics behind such policies.

Brandi Brinkerhoff

Brandi Brinkerhoff is a board certified Nurse Practitioner in Women's Health. Brandi started her nursing career as a bedside nurse on a Pulmonary Medical-Surgical unit before spending 4 years as a Labor and Delivery Nurse on the OB Intensive Care Unit at Indiana University Health, University Hospital. Upon obtaining her MSN, she transitioned into the advanced provider role with Maternal Fetal Medicine in 2015. Brandi has a DEA waiver to prescribe buprenorphine for up to 30 patients. She works both in the inpatient setting to help pregnant women with Opioid Use Disorder initiate onto buprenorphine and the outpatient setting to monitor those women during their pregnancy. She obtained her Associates of Science in Nursing in 2010, her Bachelors of Science in Nursing in 2011, and her Masters of Science in Nursing in 2015, all from the University of Indianapolis.

Congresswoman Susan W. Brooks

Susan Brooks represents the 5th District of Indiana, which spans eight diverse counties throughout the central part of the Hoosier State. After receiving her undergraduate degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, Susan earned a Juris Doctor from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. In May of 2013, Susan was awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from Marian University in Indianapolis. She resides in Carmel, Indiana, with her husband David. They have two young adult children. She currently serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and is a member of the Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade, the Health, and the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittees. Susan also serves on the House Ethics Committee and the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi.

Quintin T. Chipley

Quintin T. Chipley serves as the Counseling Coordinator for the students enrolled in the medical, dental, nursing and graduate schools of the University of Louisville at the Health Sciences Center campus. Prior mental health association includes Director of Staff Development and Training, Central State Hospital ICF/MR, Louisville, Kentucky, a brief stint in the psychiatry residency of the University of Louisville affiliated hospitals, and full-time private practice in psychology. He directs his passion for understanding and helping people with substance use disorders in ways that include a decade of ongoing participation on the guiding body for the annual conference Clinical Applications of the Principles in Treating Addiction and Substance Abuse (CAPTASA). Quintin has been a board member of the Kentucky Physicians Health Foundation for four years and is serving a current board-of-directors term for the Beacon House in Louisville. Quintin is also a gratis co-researcher with University of Kentucky Center for Drug and Alcohol Research in regard to participants in The Healing Place, The Hope Center, and Recovery Kentucky. He co-presented research at the Rx Drug and Heroin Summit, April 17-20, 2017, held in Atlanta, Georgia. Academic degrees include Rice University, Houston, Texas (B.A. – 1978); Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina (M. Div. – 1984); University of Louisville, Clinical Psychology (M.A. – 1992); University of Louisville, M.D. (2000); and University of Louisville, Ph.D (2015), with the last earned at completion of the dissertation, "William Faulkner and Alcoholism: Distilling Facts and Fictions."

Governor Chris Christie

Since taking office in 2010, Governor Christie has made balancing the state's budget a top priority. After years of decline, New Jersey's economy has turned around, and more than 314,100 private sector jobs have been added under Governor Christie's watch. While serving as a Freeholder in Morris County, the Governor first became involved in the fight against drug addiction as a member of the board of a local treatment center in Mendham. During his tenure as Governor, he has spotlighted the need to address stigma, change the conversation on drug addiction and focus on treatment. Governor Christie has remained steadfast in his advocacy for a holistic approach to battling the scourge of drug addiction by increasing funding for lifesaving overdose antidotes; expanding the successful recovery coach program; and proposing and signing a historic, first in the nation, 5 day limit on initial opioid prescriptions. Governor Christie has also followed through on his commitment to take a smarter and more effective approach focused on treating drug-addicted offenders by signing into law landmark, bipartisan legislation to put in place a state wide, mandatory drug court program. Governor Christie has encouraged community policing across all New Jersey municipalities, most notably in Camden. Combating a public safety crisis, he has taken aggressive action to bring about a sweeping reformation of their police services. With the support of the Christie Administration, the City and County of Camden implemented a ground-breaking reform by creating a county-wide force that is putting more officers on the streets of Camden, and more resources at their disposal. Governor Christie has been an advocate for continued discussion on positive engagement and outreach by law enforcement to the communities they serve. He now chairs President Trump's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis.

Jonathan N. Cleary

Jonathan N. Cleary presides as Judge over Dearborn Superior Court No.1 and is elected to serve the citizens through 2020. Prior to his appointment he served as Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Franklin County from 2007-2008 and Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Dearborn and Ohio Counties in 2006. He also served as Chair of the Problem Solving Courts Committee and is the former Chair for the Criminal Benchbook Committee for the Judicial Conference of Indiana. Judge Cleary is an active participant of the Regional Judicial Opioid Initiative (Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee), Board Member for Southeast Regional Community Corrections (Dearborn, Ohio, and Switzerland Counties) and a former Board Member of the Safe Passages Domestic Violence Shelter. He is a lifelong resident of Dearborn County, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University, and graduated Cum Laude from the Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington.

Suzanne Clifford

Suzanne Clifford is the founder and President of Inspiring Transformations, a business that seeks to help organizations and diverse coalitions dramatically improve health, social and economic outcomes. Clifford has served on the Board of Directors for the National Association of State Mental Health Program Director. As Co-chair of the NRI National Quality and Accountability Committee, Suzanne was active in national mental health and addiction transformation policy. She was selected by the Indianapolis Business Journal as one of the Who's Who Behind the Scenes in Healthcare. Prior to founding Inspiring Transformations, Suzanne was appointed to the position of Director of Mental Health and Addiction for Indiana. Suzanne was also employed over ten years at Eli Lilly and Company prior to that. She held multiple internal consulting and management positions focused on improving outcomes for patients, and she has served on many notable boards and commissions both nationally and locally. Suzanne received her Bachelor's Degree from Ohio State University and MBA from Kelley School of Business at Indiana University.

Eric Davis

Eric Davis co-founded Life Recovery Center in 2004 and currently serves as Co-Executive Director and Director of Clinical Services. Eric is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor (LCAC), and ICADV-Certified Domestic Violence Batterers Intervention Program Senior Facilitator (BIP-SF). He obtained his Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) in 1999, his Master of Social Work (MSW) in 2002, and his Doctorate in Psychology and Christian Counseling (PhD) in 2010. He also holds advanced international certifications in the areas of addiction counseling and problem gambling. Always involved and passionate about mental health and addiction recovery, Eric is the Immediate Past-President and again President-Elect of the Indiana Credentialing Association on Addiction and Drug Abuse (ICAADA) and serves on the Board of Directors of Mental Health America of Indiana (MHAI) and the Indiana Counseling Association. In 2015, he was appointed by then Governor Mike Pence to the State of Indiana's Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Council (DVPT). Later that same year, Eric was named "Outstanding Batterers Intervention Professional of 2015" by the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. In addition to his work at Life Recovery Center, Eric teaches as an Adjunct Professor of Social Work for the Indiana University School of Social Work at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) and the Phyllis Lan Lin Program of Social Work at the University of Indianapolis (UIndy).

Wendy W. Davis

Judge Wendy W. Davis took the bench in 2011 in Allen County. Judge Davis presides over felony criminal cases and was the Chief Judge (a two-year term) in 2014-2015. Judge Davis brought the HOPE Probation Program to Allen Superior Court, which has been instrumental in reducing recidivism by non-violent, low-level drug offenders through positive behavioral change for those under court supervision. She has been committed to the rehabilitation of drug addicts by closely monitoring their addiction treatment while under her jurisdiction and supervision. Through HOPE, any violation while on community supervision results in strict and swift circumstances, which includes hearings in front of Judge Davis for accountability. In 2015, then-Governor Mike Pence appointed Judge Davis to the newly established Indiana "Governor's Task Force on Drug Enforcement, Treatment and Prevention" wherein she, along with other state officials and law enforcement, is currently helping to implement statewide solutions to the overall drug epidemic in the state, both in the judicial system and elsewhere. In recognition of her contributions to the task force, Governor (now Vice President) Pence presented Judge Davis with Indiana's "Distinguished Hoosier" award. Also in 2015, Judge Davis was invited to Washington D.C. to participate in a roundtable with officials from the White House and other Federal organizations to find solutions to the national drug problem in the judicial system through the Institute for Behavior and Health and try to make HOPE probation a national standard program. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Davis, a native of Allen County, was a partner at the law firm of Beckman Lawson, LLP, specializing in civil federal litigation, and a part-time deputy prosecutor for Allen County.

Scott Fadness

Prior to his election as Fishers' first mayor, Scott Fadness served as Fishers' Town Manager from 2011-2014 and Deputy Town Manager of Operations from 2009-2011 overseeing the day-to-day operations of public works, engineering, fleet management and parks & recreation. As Town Manager, he reorganized town departments to streamline government services, create greater efficiencies and save Fishers' taxpayers millions of dollars — all while doubling Fishers' cash reserves. His dedication to fiscal responsibility earned him the Government Finance Officers' Association "Distinguished Budget Award" three years in a row. He has also brought together officials from public safety, schools and the health field to address mental health and addiction concerns in Fishers. Fadness holds a Master's degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University and is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the Indiana Controllers Affiliate Group.

Denise Fields

Denise C. Fields, Pharm.D., FASHP, is a Clinical Consultant at the Cummins LiveWell Center in Columbus, Indiana. She received her B.S. in Pharmacy from Butler University and her Pharm.D. from Purdue University. She holds certifications in Immunization Delivery, Diabetes Care, Anticoagulation, Medication Therapy Management and Pharmacogenomics. Dr. Fields has worked in a variety of roles and practice settings over the last 30 years, which positions her to appreciate the interests and challenges for her profession from a wide scope. She has experience in independent and corporate community pharmacy, in varying sized hospitals (inpatient and ambulatory care settings), and in managed care pharmacy. Dr. Fields has fulfilled such roles as staff pharmacist, clinical pharmacist, informatics pharmacist, medication safety pharmacist, pharmacy manager, director of pharmacy, academic detailer, population health pharmacist, and diabetes program manager.

Megan C. Fisher

Megan C. Fisher is the Director of Addiction Recovery Services at The Bowen Center. Megan has been involved at the clinical and administrative levels in residential, outpatient and community corrections environments. Megan is humbled to have been nominated for the Indiana Addiction Professional of the Year Award in 2017. She is an active participant in the Indiana Council for Community Mental Health Centers as Vice Chair of the Addictions Committee, advocating for education, stigma reduction and widespread services for addiction issues. Megan is the Co-Chair for the CMHC Learning Collaborative for the Indiana state pilot project, MOMentum, which seeks to identify and provide services for pregnant women using substances. She has been invited to serve on the Attorney General's Drug Task Force, as well as the Public Safety Coalition, in order to shape policy related to substance use disorder treatment. She serves on the Allen County Drug Task Force alongside her fellow panelists. Megan is also a founding board member for the not-for-profit A Bridge to Hope, a resource organization for addictions services in Kosciusko County.

Jay Frederick

Jay Frederick is a supervisor with Columbus Police Department. He has been a full-time police officer for 26 years. Sgt. Frederick has served as a patrolman, D.A.R.E. Coordinator, detective, and manager of the Criminal Investigations Division and Narcotics Unit. He is a certified Medico-legal Death Investigator and a member of the International Homicide Investigators Association. He has served over two decades as a deputy coroner in Bartholomew County. Sgt. Frederick is active in drug diversion investigations. He is a member of the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) and serves on the board of its Indiana chapter. He is president of the Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council and serves as chair of the Enforcement Committee on the Indiana Attorney General's Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force.

Peter Furno

Peter Furno, MD, is a graduate of National (Lincoln) College School of Chiropractic, and is licensed in the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Colorado, California and Vermont. He completed an 18 month internship in a chiropractic sports clinic in Santa Barbara, California, before establishing a solo practice in Decatur, Indiana. Dr. Furno is certified in Meridian Therapy (Acupuncture) and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation and is Board Eligible in Radiology and Orthopedics. In 1986 Dr. Furno established the first single-site multispecialty practice in the state of Indiana, in Indianapolis, that incorporated medical physicians, doctors of chiropractic, physical therapists, a clinical psychologist, an acupuncturist and pain management anesthesiologists in an adjoining and integrated Ambulatory Surgery Center. Dr. Furno has been both a member and board member of the Indiana State Chiropractic Association (ISCA) since 1969 and, in addition, has served as ISCA president. He also has been honored as the Chiropractor of the Year. Although retired from active practice, he presently is a member of the ISCA Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Legislative Committee and ISCA Insurance Committee co-chair.

Rodrigo Garcia

Rodrigo Garcia is Co-Founder and CEO of Parkdale Center for Professionals. He has been a direct-care provider in the health care field for more than 20 years. He has experience in emergency management, intensive care, surgical services and anesthesia. He has also emerged successfully from a professional victory with his own battle with the disease of addiction. He is currently a member of the Indiana Attorney General's Task Force; and a delegate to the National Safety Council. He has held faculty positions at Evanston Northwestern School of Anesthesia, Ivy Technical Community College – Nursing Department, and Valparaiso University School of Nursing. He has educated thousands of families, state employees, individuals, employers and professional organizations on the addicted HAP and how this person affects every aspect of society. As the Parkdale CEO, he is committed to providing professionals, their employers and families with the most effective, comprehensive, and progressive treatment program possible.

Brandon George

Brandon George is Chief Executive Officer of ProActive Resources, Inc. In this role, Brandon educates the community on substance abuse issues, running the treatment programs in Boone and Hamilton counties with several colleagues. In addition to their multiple offices throughout central Indiana that provide outpatient treatment services, ProActive Resources works with the criminal justice systems of multiple Indiana counties in different capacities to provide treatment for members of the community. Prior to joining ProActive, Brandon spent eight years with American Blue Ribbon Holdings as the general manager responsible for multiple units. Brandon holds a Bachelor's Degree in Addiction Studies from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Tom Gorman

Tom Gorman graduated from San Jose State University in 1968 and joined the California Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement. He served 10 years as an undercover agent. He made 1,000 undercover purchases and received two Purple Hearts from being shot and later stabbed. He was promoted in 1990 to deputy chief in charge of statewide drug enforcement operations. In 1997 he retired to become the director of the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). Director Gorman is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and is past president of the California Narcotic Officers Association and the National Alliance of State Drug Enforcement Agencies. He is currently president of the National HIDTA Directors Association. He authored *The Myths of Drug Legalization and Marijuana Legalization: The Issues*. And a faith related book titled *To Believe or not Believe, That is the Question - An Undercover Agent's Quest for the Truth*.

Bizz Grimes

Bizz Grimes obtained her nursing degree in 2003 from the School of Nursing at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Upon receipt of her degree, she worked with the high-risk obstetric population on the OB Intensive Care Unit at Indiana University Health, University Hospital for 10 years. After three-month respite, she returned to work as an Ambulatory Nurse Clinician in the Prenatal Diagnosis Clinic at Indiana University Health, University Hospital. She gravitated toward the Opioid Use Disorder population within the first year of working as an outpatient nurse. Prior to obtaining her nursing degree, she spent 10 years working as a Reference Assistant and Interlibrary Loan Coordinator at the Roy O. West Library at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana.

Marcia Haaff

Marcia Haaff has a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from The University of Toledo and an MBA from Indiana University. She began her career with The Lutheran Foundation in 1995 and has served as Chief Executive Officer since the organization's inception. She has been blessed to help the foundation invest more than \$150 million in grants during that time. Marcia is active in the community in her role at The Lutheran Foundation. She has served on various boards and committees over the years. She currently serves on the Parkview Behavioral Health Operating Council, the Multicultural Health Initiative Advisory Board, the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana, and as the President of Community Partnerships Inc. (CPI). Marcia has led the foundation in developing a resource tool for Northeast Indiana that will provide education, connection, and promotion for mental health and wellness. Learn more at LookUpIndiana.org.

Rachel Halleck

Rachel Halleck currently serves as the Senior Director of Behavioral Health Services at Volunteers of America where she has been integral in developing the Fresh Start Recovery Center and other effective treatment interventions within the agency. Rachel completed her undergraduate education at Hanover College with a major concentration in psychology and a minor concentration in Spanish. She then went on to complete a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology at the University of Indianapolis. In 2013, Rachel was presented with the University of Indianapolis School of Psychological Sciences Alumni of the Year Award. Rachel's clinical experience comes from various settings, including correctional programs, inpatient psychiatric treatment, veterans homeless shelters and higher education settings. Rachel specializes in the areas of trauma and addictions.

Patrick Harrington

Patrick Harrington has served as the elected Tippecanoe County Prosecutor since 2007. From 2009 – 2011, in addition to being Tippecanoe County Prosecutor, Pat was appointed by the U.S. District Attorney, Northern District of Indiana, as a U.S. Special Assistant District Attorney with the Gang/Drug Interdiction Unit. As a passionate advocate for community prosecution, Pat has spearheaded multiple initiatives as prosecutor, including a Project Safe Neighborhoods grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, which has enabled his office to roll out multiple crime-fighting programs to assist law enforcement and the community. These include the Tippecanoe County Rental Property Owner and Manager Training Program, which trains landlords on how to keep illegal activity out of rental properties; the WeTip Hotline and School Safety Program, ensuring that every citizen over the age of five can report criminal activity anonymously and the PSN Anti-Gang Coalition - which brings federal, state and local law enforcement together with school administrators to share safety concerns and information. The Tippecanoe County We-Tip Program is one of the most successful We-Tip Hotlines in the United States, and Pat was named the 2008 and 2012 We-Tip National Prosecutor of the Year. Pat is a guest speaker at the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Indiana Prosecuting Attorney Council Training Seminars, Purdue University and Ivy Tech Community College. He received his B.A. from Purdue University in 1980 and his J.D. from Valparaiso University in 1983.

Nathan W. Harter IV

Nathan W. "Nate" Harter IV was raised in Decatur County since his family moved there in 1993. Prosecutor Harter was blessed by the community with a Lilly Scholarship, which brought into sharp focus his dedication to learning a trade and building a career for a future return to Decatur County. He used his Lilly Scholarship to attend Butler University, where he served in student government, and he was selected to represent Butler nationally as a finalist for the prestigious Truman Scholarship. After graduating from Butler in 2010, he enrolled at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, where he was the champion of the school's Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition and president of the school's chapter of the Federalist Society, a conservative group that stands for federalism, limited government, and judicial restraint. After graduating from law school in 2013, he was elected to be Decatur County Prosecutor in 2014, in which capacity he combats substance abuse, property crime and domestic violence. Harter is a member of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council's teaching faculty and sits on the Council's Legislative Committee, as well as the Board of the Association of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys. He also served as an executive member of the transition team for Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill.



Matthew Heskett

Matthew is 31 years old, born and raised in Indianapolis. He graduated from Indiana University (Bloomington) in 2009 with a Bachelor's degree in Public Affairs. His addiction took off during college with prescription pain medicine and ultimately led to IV heroin use. He checked into Fairbanks Hospital in 2015. Through early suboxone and vivitrol maintenance he was able to achieve complete abstinence based recovery. Today Matthew works as a Guidance Specialist at Fairbanks Hospital, the same place where he started my journey in recovery.

Curtis T. Hill, Jr.

Curtis Hill is the 43rd Attorney General of Indiana. As Indiana's chief legal officer, Hill oversees a staff of more than 400 employees spread across multiple divisions. Hill has focused his agenda on four priorities: rolling back federal overreach; protecting families from drugs and violent crime; safeguarding consumers from fraud and scams; and inspiring youth to pursue meaningful lives. Hill was serving his fourth term as Elkhart County prosecutor when he was elected to his current role on Nov. 8, 2016. By casting 1,643,689 votes for Hill, Hoosiers made him the top vote-getter of any elected official in Indiana history. He took office on Jan. 9, 2017. A native of Elkhart, Hill is the youngest child of Curtis T. Hill, Sr., and Eleanor M. Hill. He has four siblings. He earned both his bachelor's and law degrees from Indiana University in Bloomington. Hill and his wife, Teresa, have five children. Hill has testified before Congress on "Methamphetamine in the Heartland" and served as a presenter for the Northern Indiana Methamphetamine Summit, sponsored by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President of the United States. Hill has served as a member of the Board of Governors for the Indiana State Bar Association; Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving (past chairman); Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (past trustee); and Board of Regents for the National College of District Attorneys. Hill also has been a member of the Association of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Inc. (past president); Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council (IPAC) Ethics Committee; National District Attorneys Association (former vice president); FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division Advisory Policy Board and State Board of Law Examiners Character and Fitness Committee. Hill also is a trustee of The Nature Conservancy Indiana Chapter and a life member of the NAACP.

Katie Hokanson

Katie Hokanson graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering and a minor in Management. She worked at Frito-Lay as a front line supervisor for a year and a half prior to joining the Indiana State Department of Health in 2012. She started in the Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention as the Trauma Registry Manager and served in that role for two and a half years before moving into her current role as Division Director.

Kevin Hunter

Kevin Hunter is a lifelong Fort Wayne resident and has worked for the Fort Wayne Police Department since 1989. He is currently the Captain in charge of the Vice & Narcotics division. Captain Hunter has previously worked in Patrol, the Police Academy, the Neighborhood Response Team, the Crisis Negotiation Team and Internal Affairs. Captain Hunter is a graduate of the 233rd Session of the FBI National Academy and the FBI National Crisis Negotiation Course. Captain Hunter is a graduate of Indiana Tech, with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership. Captain Hunter is also an adjunct instructor at Indiana Tech, teaching Criminal Profiling and Transnational Organized Crime. Captain Hunter is a member of the Allen County Opiate Task Force and believes that the opiate epidemic is one of the biggest problems facing our community today. The opiate epidemic is not something we will be able to "arrest our way out of," and by working together with public health, addiction specialists and other community members, we can help educate others on the seriousness of this issue.

Tara Hunter

Tara Hunter is a recovering heroin addict, and her sobriety date is January 25, 2017. She had abused substances on and off for the last 17 years. She found recovery through the outpatient program at IU Methodist and is getting her support through the AA and NA programs.

Steve Kelly

Steve Kelly graduated from IUPUI in 2005 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Public Affairs. After graduating, he worked for Greenwood Probation Department until 2006. Since 2006, he has been employed with Dearborn County Probation he became the Director of Court Services in 2013. He is currently working on completing his Master's in Public Administration from Northern Kentucky University. His passion in criminal justice focuses on offender rehabilitation.

Timothy Kelly

Timothy Kelly, MD, is currently serving as a Community Health Network physician. Prior to starting at Community Health Network, Dr. Kelly's name had become synonymous with Fairbanks Treatment Center and with addiction recovery in Indiana. A graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine, he has spent his career treating and educating people about the disease of addiction. Beginning as a staff physician at Fairbanks Hospital in 1979, he started a career that would touch the lives of thousands of people who suffer from the disease of addiction. Dr. Kelly is an addictionologist certified by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). He is board certified in internal medicine and addiction medicine. He has presented numerous times on addiction and pharmacology, and he has conducted research on alcohol withdrawal syndrome. He is also a Volunteer Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at the IU School of Medicine.

Samuel LaCorte

Staff Sergeant Samuel LaCorte joined the Indiana Army National Guard in 2007 and trained as an Intelligence Analyst at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. In 2009, he began working for the Indiana Counterdrug Taskforce and was detailed to the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center. He deployed to Afghanistan in 2012 in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom and worked as the noncommissioned officer in charge of the analytic cell for Uruzgan Province. He returned to the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center in 2013 and worked numerous projects with the Indiana State Police Drug Enforcement Section. He has provided analytical support to numerous Domestic Marijuana Eradication/Suppression missions. He has worked within the Indiana law enforcement community to spread awareness of Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations' tactics, techniques and procedures and the indicators law enforcement can use to identify these organizations. He is currently assigned to Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Covert Operations on behalf of the Indiana Counterdrug Taskforce.

Amy LaHood

Dr. Amy LaHood, MD, graduated from Rush Medical College in Chicago and completed her family medicine residency at MacNeal Hospital followed by a fellowship in Maternal Child Health. Following her training, Dr. LaHood spent 5 years working in Indianapolis at a community health center and then joined St. Vincent Family Medicine Faculty in 2005 where she continues to train Family Medicine residents. Dr. LaHood has a passion for population and public health and completed her Master's in Public Health from IUPUI in 2010. Dr. LaHood has served as a volunteer member of the Attorney General's Task for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Taskforce since 2012. In addition to teaching residents, Dr. LaHood continues working to educate and empower physicians and community stakeholders to reduce the burden of opioid misuse and addiction

Brooke Lawson

Brooke Lawson serves as the Mental Health Coordinator for Hamilton Southeastern Schools, implementing programs that focus on providing mental health resources to students and their families. Prior to her current position, Lawson was previously the Clinical Director of School Based Services for Cummins Behavioral Health Services and has been a licensed mental health counselor since 2009. She studied at Purdue University, earning a Bachelor's degree in Child Development, she thento earned her Master's degree in social work from IUPUI, in 2009.



Jennifer Lloyd

Jennifer Lloyd is the Director of Statewide Outreach on Substance Abuse for Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. In this role, Jennifer leads a team tasked with providing community outreach to address the opioid epidemic. Jennifer travels the state to assist communities with developing and implementing strategic plans, including grant assistance, programming and training. Jennifer has previously held various sales and sales management positions in the telecommunications industry. She completed her Master of Science in Psychology in September 2011.

Palmer Mackie

Palmer Mackie, MD, is the Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine. He has served as the Associate Program Director and developed a large body of core curricular content for the training program. Palmer's clinical and educational focus over the last decade has been in chronic pain, chronic pain and depression, and the safe and effective use of chronic opioid treatment (COT) for chronic nonmalignant pain. Most recently, he led a multi-disciplinary team within his institution in the creating, dissemination and implementation of evidenced-based consensus guidelines and practice algorithms for COT. One large component of this is substance abuse screening/prevention and identification.

Tim Manteuffel

Tim Manteuffel is a 14-year veteran with the Porter County Sheriff's Office, where he currently holds the rank of Lieutenant. Tim has served in many roles within the Sheriff's Office. As an Assistant Team Leader for the SWAT Team, he has held positions on the team as a general operator and Less Lethal / Chemical Munitions Instructor. Tim currently is the supervisor of the Firearms Division; he is a Taser Instructor CVSA Operator, Rifle Instructor, and Honor Guard Coordinator. Tim has spent the last 10 of the past 14 years working in the Investigations Division where he has been the coordinator for the Porter County H.O.R.T. (Heroin Overdose Response Team) under the direction of Sheriff Reynolds. Tim has also been privileged to oversee the Porter County Drug Taskforce and is currently the Taskforce Coordinator for the newly formed Porter County Multi-Enforcement Group (PCMEG). The taskforce consists of officers from Portage Police Department, Valparaiso Police Department and the Porter County Sheriff's Office, along with the DEA.

Stephen McCaffrey

Stephen McCaffrey is the President and CEO of Mental Health America of Indiana and Principal with The Third House, LLC. Stephen holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Purdue University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Indiana University School of Law. He is a recipient of Indiana's Sagamore of the Wabash Award. He serves as Chair of the Attorney General's Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force. He also serves as a member of the Commission on Seclusion and Restraint, the state team for Indiana Evidence Based Decision Making and the Board of Directors of Managed Health Services. In addition, Stephen serves on the national board of Mental Health America and co-chairs the national MHA Public Policy Committee. Further, Stephen serves on the board of the National Institute for Public Safety Health.

Paul Mc Donald

Paul McDonald is a 31-year veteran of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. In 2000, he founded the department's Criminal Interdiction Section. Due to the team's success, it has grown over the years and is currently comprised of 13 officers, including nine narcotic canine units. Year after year, this team of highly motivated officers has led the department in arrests, and seizures of drugs and money. Since 2007, Paul has been a nationally certified Criminal Interdiction Instructor through the DEA's El Paso Intelligence Center and the DOT's Drug Interdiction Assistance Program. He has instructed thousands of officers over the years in all areas of Criminal Interdiction. In 2006 and 2009, Paul was the Chairman of the International DIAP-EPIC Conference held in Indianapolis. Paul has been directly involved in several significant interdiction successes over the years, including over 24 pounds of heroin, thousands of pounds of marijuana, large amounts of methamphetamine and cocaine, and over two and a half million dollars in drug related currency.

Pat McGuffey

Pat McGuffey has over 30 years experience in governmental affairs. She has cooperated with numerous administrations and was awarded the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Frank O'Bannon in 2002. Throughout her career, McGuffey has effectively advocated for numerous mental health, health, and budgetary issues. In addition, she has assisted many organizations in implementing well-balanced policy for the interests of the client and the public at large. She has more than 20 years' experience in association management and currently serves as Executive Director of the Indiana State Chiropractic Association.

Sally A. McLaughlin

Judge Sally A. McLaughlin was appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels to serve as the first Judge of Superior Court II in 2006 and is now in her second elected term. Prior to her appointment, she served as Prosecuting Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit. Judge McLaughlin grew up in Dearborn County, graduating from St. Lawrence School and Lawrenceburg High School. She earned an Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degree from Eastern Kentucky University and completed work toward a Master of Science Degree in Nursing at the University of Cincinnati. She earned her Law Degree at Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1990 while serving as the Director of Nursing at Dearborn County Hospital. She has also worked as a staff nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, and as a manager of patient services at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Judge McLaughlin is a graduate of the Indiana Graduate Program for Judges and the Indiana Judicial College. She was recognized by the Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce as a Woman of Distinction in 2006 and received a Martin Luther King Memorial Award in 2011 for community service.

Deborah McMahan

Deborah McMahan, MD, was appointed Health Commissioner of Allen County in May 2000. In that capacity, she is charged with carrying out the department's mission: promoting healthy lifestyles and preventing injury and disease for all of Allen County's 350,000 residents. An Indiana native, Dr. McMahan earned her B.S. from Purdue University in 1986 and medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1990. Following residency training in internal medicine, she completed a research fellowship with the Regenstrief Institute in Indianapolis. Dr. McMahan is a state-licensed physician and a member of the Fort Wayne Medical Society. She is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, the Urban League, and Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County. During her career, Dr. McMahan has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Indiana Commission for Women 2014 Torchbearer Award, the Milton and Ruth Roemer Prize for Local Health Officer; (APHA,) 2014, and the Indiana Academy of Pediatrics Community Service Award, 2016.

Ron Michaelson

Ron Michaelson is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who received his Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Appalachian State University in 1996 and a Master of Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis in 2002. Since that time, he has worked with offender populations across multiple correctional and community mental health settings, as well as within local and federal government programs. Ron has been with the Cincinnati VA Medical Center and the Veterans Justice Outreach program since February, 2012. In this role, he has partnered with area criminal justice agencies to develop programs responsive to the complex needs of justice-involved veterans. He currently serves as the VA liaison to the Hamilton Co. Municipal Veterans Treatment Court and Southeastern Indiana Veterans Treatment Court.



Darrell Mitchell

Darrell Mitchell studied Business and Public Relations at Purdue University and Addictions Counseling at Indiana Wesley-an University. He has held key executive positions in both for-profit and not-for-profit sectors for over 25 years. Darrell's most recent years have been spent working in the field of addiction and recovery. He served as the Director of Outreach & Development for Progress House, one of Indiana's premier Men's Recovery Houses. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition and Mental Health America of Indiana. Darrell is the Founder and Director of the Indiana Affiliation of Recovery Residences, a subsidiary of Mental Health America of Indiana. INARR is also the Indiana state affiliate of the National Alliance of Recovery Residences. Darrell is also an individual in long-term recovery from substance use disorder.

Anne Mary Montero

Anne Mary Montero is board certified as a health service provider in psychology and specializes in medical psychology, or treatment of symptoms that affect both medical and mental health. She attended the University of Notre Dame and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and trained with cognitive-behavioral therapy leaders at Boston and Harvard Universities. She has worked in oncology, rehab, women's health/NICU, neuropsychology, and other health psychology settings, including partnering with the anesthesiology team at IU Health for preoperative psychological evaluations to determine risk stratification and treatment planning for advanced pain care in patients with chronic pain. She is the Medical Director of Psychology for IU Health North Hospital.

Karie Morrical-Kline

Karie Morrical-Kline is a board certified ambulatory care pharmacist with Ascension St. Vincent Indianapolis. Karie joined St. Vincent in 1996 after graduating with her PharmD from Butler University. Karie completed a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at St. Vincent and then joined the pharmacy staff working with the Adult Inpatient Medicine Service. She transitioned to Ambulatory Care in 1999 and has been involved in developing and growing collaborative drug therapy management services at St. Vincent since 2009. Karie participated in the launch of pharmacy services within the St. Vincent Medical Group patient centered medical home. In addition to providing direct patient care, Karie has been and continues to be involved in outcomes based research. Karie has a passion for educating patients and health care providers and has served as residency program director for post-graduate pharmacy residency training since 1999. Recently, Karie has been involved with Dr. Amy LaHood and Dr. Aaron Shoemaker in developing guidance for primary care providers regarding safe opioid prescribing and in developing strategies for compassionate opioid weans.

Aaron Negangard

Aaron Negangard serves as Chief Deputy to Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill. Prior to joining General Hill as his Chief Deputy, he was the Prosecuting Attorney for Dearborn and Ohio Counties. Mr. Negangard was born in Dearborn County, Indiana. He graduated with honors from both Ohio University and Indiana University School of Law. Previously, he has served both as a Deputy and Chief Deputy Prosecutor. As Prosecutor, Mr. Negangard worked with community leaders to form the Special Crimes Unit. The Special Crimes Unit has been successful in combating crime in Dearborn and Ohio counties. In 2008, he helped form the first Regional Child Advocacy Center in Indiana. The Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana facilitates a specialized forensic interview that enables alleged child victims of abuse to give their accounts of events in their own words. Mr. Negangard also worked on "The Strategies to Protect Your Family" substance abuse campaign in Dearborn and Ohio counties. These events are held at local churches, schools and civic organizations. This prevention campaign is for adults and their children over 10 years of age to combat drug experimentation and peer pressure starting at a young age. The presentation has been a huge success, earning local, state and national coverage. During his tenure as Prosecutor, Mr. Negangard was recognized by his colleagues throughout the state by being appointed as the President of the Indiana Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. Mr. Negangard was appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels to the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group and to the Board of Directors of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

Jake Nichols

Jake Nichols is a pharmacist in long-term recovery who specializes in medication treatment options for opioid use disorder. He has worked within multiple practice areas including academia, primary care, pharma, and managed care and has been working in addiction medicine for the past 7 years.

Michael T. Nielsen

Michael T. Nielsen has been the Boone County Sheriff since 2014. Prior to that he had been with the Sheriff's Office since 1989 in a variety of capacities including Deputy Sheriff, Enforcement Lieutenant, Polygraph Examiner and Crisis Hostage Negotiator. He was also a Zionsville Police Officer from 1983-1989. He has his Masters of Science Degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. He was named Police Officer of the Year in 1999 and is a board member of the Youth and Family Health Network, which provides substance abuse prevention and transitional housing in Boone County.

Wendy Noe

Wendy Noe graduated from Marian University with a communications degree. She started her career at The Julian Center, where she helped create the post-shelter case management program and also educated over 8,000 people on domestic abuse. Wendy was employed with the Central Indiana Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for 8 years, where her primary responsibility was implementing all mission outreach and breast health programs. She is currently the Executive Director of the Dove Recovery House for Women, which is the largest provider in Marion County for women recovering from substance abuse. She oversees a team of 10 people and is responsible for overseeing the care of 38 women. She is responsible for all HR, fundraising, administrative functions, communication and marketing, donor recruitment and grant writing. Wendy has served on the task force for Partners against Domestic Abuse, a United Way funded program. She has served on the Domestic Violence Emergency Response Team, as well as on the advisory council for The Protective Order Pro Bono Project of Greater Indianapolis, the Clarian Coalition against Domestic Violence and the Domestic Violence Network of Greater Indianapolis. She is currently the board chair for the Indiana Alliance of Recovery Residences and board member of the Indiana Brain Advocacy Network.

Steve Orusa

Steve Orusa has served as the Fire Chief for the Fishers Department of Fire and Emergency Services since 2011. He is committed to supporting the men and women in harm's way with leadership and resources to safely, effectively and efficiently serve his community. Orusa serves as on the Indiana Fire Chiefs Board as the Indiana Department for Homeland Security Liaison. He has served on public safety and military dive operations worldwide, City of Fishers Youth Mentoring Initiative (YMI) Board and is the past president of the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association and past director of the International Association of Dive Rescue Specialists Response Team. Orusa is a published author and frequently invited speaker on public safety leadership and development techniques. He has also provided analysis on public safety response for USA Today, Fire Chief Magazine and Fire Engineering Magazine. He also has appeared on BBC, MSNBC, Fox News, and CNN to provide expert analysis on disaster response. Orusa grew up in Chicago, IL, received his Bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University in 1983 and completed graduate work in Human Resource Management.

Robin Parsons

Robin Parsons is the Chief Clinical Officer at Fairbanks Hospital in Indianapolis. She has over 30 years' experience in the field of addiction treatment and recovery, which includes expertise in counseling those with substance use disorders, program development, management and educational trainings. In her role as the Chief Clinical Officer, she is involved in leadership for the organization and serves as administrative and clinical support to the treatment teams at Fairbanks and La Verna Lodge. Robin is a Licensed Detoxification Acupuncture Specialist and Certified Trainer for the NADA detox protocol. She is currently offering acupuncture and several other new evidenced-based practices at Fairbanks.



Clayton Paul

Clayton is a recovery heroin addict and is 16 months clean. He lived in a halfway house called New Life in Lebanon, Indiana for 6 months after being released from jail on November 14, 2016. He was in active addiction for 4 years and was arrested on May 5, 2016 for possession of heroin and possession of a syringe and was sentenced to four years suspended. On August 4, 2016, his mother died of a heroin overdose and he ended up back in jail. He found recovery in the Boone County Jail Assistance Program, participating in anger management classes and group therapy. He got married to the love of his life while he was in the Halfway House.

Justin Phillips

Justin Phillips, MA, is the Founder and Executive Director of Overdose Lifeline, Inc. (ODL). This organization is an Indianapolis-based nonprofit founded in 2014 dedicated to preventing opioid deaths and reducing the stigma of addiction. ODL is working toward its mission to be a leading voice for Indiana families, individuals, and communities affected by addiction and has experienced success with statewide programming and legislation. In a short period of time, ODL has touched the lives of thousands. Justin is a clinical addictions counselor in addition to her experience in nonprofit management and grassroots advocacy. Justin's advocacy efforts were recognized with the enactment of Aaron's Law in April of 2015. In 2016 Justin received the Fairbanks Circle of Hope Award, the Drug Free Marion County Parent Advocate of the Year Award, the Indiana Jefferson Award and was chosen as a 2016 White House Champion of Change for Advocacy, Prevention and Treatment.

Nicholas Piotrowski

Nicholas Piotrowski is a board certified addiction psychiatrist in Lafayette, Indiana. Dr. Piotrowski completed his medical training, residency in general psychiatry and fellowship in addiction psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He currently practices in an integrated primary care behavioral health team at Indiana University Health – West Central Region. Dr. Piotrowski is a member of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry and the Drug Free Coalition of Tippecanoe County.

David Reynolds

Sheriff David Reynolds is a 45-year resident of Porter County who has earned an undergraduate and Public Affairs master's degree from Indiana University. He has 37 years of distinguished law enforcement experience, during which he dedicated himself to protecting the people of Porter County. At the outset of his career, Sheriff Reynolds served five years with the Lake Station Police Department as an officer and detective. He next served 22 years with the Portage Police Department as an investigator, Captain, and the Chief of Police. In 1998, 2002 and in 2014 the people of Porter County elected David Reynolds Sheriff of Porter County. Throughout his law enforcement career, David Reynolds has taken a collaborative and innovative approach to police work, which has resulted in the thorough investigations, prompt arrests, and convictions of countless criminals. During his eight years as Sheriff, David Reynolds partnered with local, state, and federal officials and organizations to fight crime. As Sheriff, David Reynolds implemented programs that protected the people of Porter County and their tax dollars. Those programs included: putting more police officers on the streets of Porter County; protecting school children by putting police officers in all county schools; properly training and equipping Porter County SWAT; issuing digital cameras to every police officer so that crimes could be better documented; providing a robbery survival program for banks and service stations. As Sheriff, David Reynolds demonstrated his continued support of programs focused on domestic violence, senior safety, and the fight against drug distribution and abuse. As the newly elected Sheriff of Porter County, Sheriff Reynolds has taken an aggressive approach in combating the heroin epidemic in Porter County by starting the Heroin Overdose Response Team (HORT), which investigates all drug overdose cases in the county.

James Ryser

James Ryser was born with Spina Bifida Myelomeningocele and underwent over 50 surgeries throughout his life. To cope, he learned to play the violin at the age of five, and the guitar at 14, falling in love with rock and roll. He signed his first record deal with Arista Records in 1990 and has performed over the years with REO Speedwagon, John Mellencamp, Hall and Oates, and Tracy Chapman. Throughout his music career, James suffered from the daily chronic pain associated with his spina bifida and related kidney, back, and orthopedic issues, and soon became addicted to pain medication. He finally attended a pain program and got sober in the summer of 1999. He graduated from Indiana University, Summa Cum Laude, and went on to earn a graduate degree. He is currently the Director of Chronic Pain and Chemical Dependency at IU Health. He runs a pain rehabilitation program and helps people with acute pain issues while also helping individuals who have become iatrogenically addicted. Jim continues to write and record music and is a nationally recognized performer and speaker for both his musical and personal journey and his expertise in managing pain for those who desire education about it.

Shannon Schumacher

Shannon Schumacher is the Executive Vice President for Volunteers of America, Indiana, where she has worked for the past 14 years. She created and implemented the Healing Families Program, a locally and nationally award winning program that helps restore and stabilize families in which parents are re-entering the community after incarceration. She recently created a residential addictions program for pregnant women and mothers of newborns to address the growing opioid addiction epidemic in her state. For the past 20 years, she has developed effective gender-responsive and culturally-aware programs to assist chronically homeless veterans, those affected by mental illness and/or addiction, and the previously incarcerated. She completed the Executive Development Program at University of Notre Dame in 2009, was awarded the national 2010 Excellence in Leadership Award from Volunteers of America, and was awarded the 2013 Drug Free Marion County Community Service Award.

Aaron G. Shoemaker

Aaron G. Shoemaker, MD, is the Chief Medical Officer for Saint Vincent Medical Group in Indiana. Having been a dual board certified physician in both internal medicine and pediatrics, Dr. Shoemaker provides high-level outpatient care to the Fishers, IN, area. He has a strong interest in wellness, integrative medicine and weight loss as well as lifestyle management for chronic disease. Through a growing role in health care administration, Dr. Shoemaker has been able to touch patients' lives in new ways. During this time of healthcare transitions, he is excited to be leading the medical group in a direction toward team-based care that optimizes physician experience, patient experience and patient outcomes. Dr. Shoemaker received his medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 2000 and his undergraduate degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, in 1996.

Alec Schiering

Alec Schiering grew up in Bright, IN. He was a former firefighter and was prescribed controlled substances from an injury at work. The first pill spiraled his addiction out of control and he eventually started using heroin. After being unsuccessful at several different forms of rehabilitation, he was arrested and charged with 20 years and was successful with the Jail Chemical Dependency Program at Dearborn County Jail. He has been sober since May 15, 2012.

Kara Slusser

Beginning April 2017, Kara Slusser joined INSPECT, Indiana's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, as the Program Director. Prior to that, she worked as a fundraising consultant, for Crossroads Consulting from December 2014 until accepting her position with INSPECT. As a fundraising consultant, Slusser raised funding for the Indiana Republican State Party, Greg Zoeller for Attorney General, Jim Banks for Congress and Randy Head for Attorney General. Prior to that, Slusser worked for several campaigns in Illinois and Indiana supporting the Republican Party. Slusser studied law at the University of Indianapolis from 2004-2008.



Jessaca Turner Stults

Jessaca Turner Stults is the managing member of TSS Capitol Group. She began her legal career as a deputy prosecutor in Marion County, then moved into the arena of governmental affairs. Jessaca worked as the Legislative Director for the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), the state's largest agency. In 2007, she became General Counsel of FSSA while maintaining her role as Legislative Director for the agency. Jessaca advocated before the Indiana General Assembly protecting and monitoring FSSA's interests and was instrumental in the passage of the Governor's Healthy Indiana Plan, a health insurance program designed for the working poor. Jessaca founded TSS Capitol Group, LLC., in 2010.

Mike Townsend

Mike Townsend serves as Program Administrator of Recovery Kentucky with the Kentucky Housing Corporation. He has worked for the corporation for the past 13 years. Recovery Kentucky is a statewide initiative to build and operate fourteen 100 bed addiction recovery centers throughout Kentucky for persons needing long term substance abuse recovery and housing support. The Recovery Kentucky programs are modeled after the two The Healing Place centers of Louisville and the two The Hope Center locations in Lexington. Prior to Mr. Townsend's employment with the Kentucky Housing Corporation, he served as state Director for the Division of Substance Abuse within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for 25 years. He is a graduate of Centre College and graduated from the University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work where he received his Master of Science in Social Work.

Alex Ulloa

Alex Ulloa is a Group Supervisor for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) assigned to the Merrillville Resident Office (MRO), and Co-Manager for the Indiana High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Investigative Support Center (ISC). In this capacity, Alex is responsible for the daily management and coordination of information and intelligence sharing among participating agencies and local, state and federal law enforcement. With 14 years of federal government experience, Alex's assignments include the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Resident Office, where he supported the investigation into the Juarez Cartel assassination of two U.S. Consulate employees. Previous to being promoted and relocating to Indiana, Alex was assigned to the Cartagena, Colombia, Resident Office, where he targeted high-profile maritime drug trafficking organizations operating along the Eastern Pacific Coast. His public service also includes active duty with the United States Navy as a combat medic. Prior to joining the DEA, Alex worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), where he served as a Process Re-engineer Coordinator, responsible for multiple quality improvement processes. He completed professional studies in Business Administration and Accounting, Business Management, and also holds a Master's Degree in International Business. Alex is an active member of the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA).

April Winfield

April Winfield is the Adult Probation Supervisor for Allen County Adult Probation Department. She is a 2002 graduate of Indiana University. During her 15 years at Allen County Adult Probation she was a line officer, in charge of supervising Community Control, HOPE, Moderate Risk, Transfers, and Presentence Investigations. She is now a member of the FAST Team, conducting home visits on probation clients.

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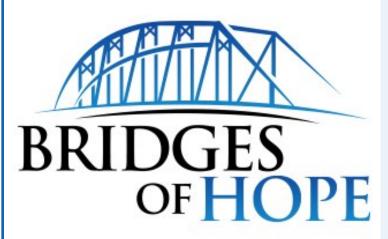
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